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Department desires opportunity comment on draft of reply
Embassy proposes make to Soviet protest re high altitude
flights.

Believe Embassy will wish consider including following
points in reply:

1. Rejection of Soviet protest.
2. Restatement of our right fly above 10,000 feet.
3. Reference to earlier statements to Soviet BASC
controller on this subject.
4. Statement that technological developments now
require use of higher altitudes and that we propose use them

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whenever operational need exists.

5. Statement emphasizing importance of and mutual interest in assuring safety of flight.

6. Complaint re Soviet failure co-operate in established procedures to assure safety of flight in this instance; specifically :

(a) Rejection of Soviet controller's contention all altitudes above 10,000 feet ^{are} used by Soviet aircraft as patently absurd;

(b) Reminder that since aircraft flying under visual flight rules only to safety danger/^{to safety} of flight arose as result of deliberate harassment of C-130 by Soviet aircraft, about which protest already made.

7. Re Soviet controller's mention of need for agreement for flights above 10,000 feet, US controller might make comment orally when delivering written protest that adequate agreement re rules of flight in corridors and control zone (DAIR P(45) 71 - Second Revise) already exists and that this agreement does not establish upper limit for corridor flights.

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